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CARDIN LAUDS MOMENTUM FOR BRINGING CLEAN ENERGY JOBS TO MARYLAND WITH OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS

WASHINGTON – **U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin** (D-MD) today praised the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) for making Maryland the second state ready to move beyond the planning stage for developing viable offshore wind power generation. The official notice, a Request for Interest in [the proposed offshore wind leasing area that is as close as 10 nautical miles off of Ocean City and 20 miles from Assateague](#), will be published in the Federal Register tomorrow, November 9.

“Maryland is solidifying its position as a national leader in creating clean energy jobs that will help boost our economy, strengthen our national security by lessening our dependence on foreign oil, and protect our environment for generations to come,” **said Senator Cardin**, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. “This project will bring thousands of jobs to our region that cannot be outsourced. This is the future of a clean-energy economy based on the development of renewable and alternative energy sources like wind.”

The State of Maryland is requesting that companies respond to a formal invitation of submissions of interest in obtaining leases or grants from the federal government. The leases would be to authorize the construction and operation of a 1 gigawatt renewable wind energy project on the Outer Continental Shelf. Typically, companies pay the government a leasing fee for the right to use these areas which are owned by the American people. The company’s submission will include the exact site location, the timing and type of proposed activities, infrastructure, environmental and resource data and information, and the company’s qualifications to hold a lease.

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